

On motion by Mr. R. K. Watts, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act vesting in the levy courts of the several counties in this state the power of opening, straightening and amending, the public roads in their respective counties. Ordered, That Messrs. R. K. Watts, Bowles, Beard, Callis, Blakistone, Whittington and Bradford, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Handy, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of the heirs of John Stevens, deceased, of Worcester county. Ordered, That Messrs. Handy, Quinton and Selby, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the following order was read and adopted.

Ordered, That so much of the executive communication as relates to the appropriation made by a former resolution of the general assembly for defraying the expense of collecting the public arms, be referred to a committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Stoddert, Quinton, H. Hall, Pitt and Ridgely.

That so much of the communication as relates to the claim of J. Joseph Henry, be referred to a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Potts, Bowles and A. D. Mitchell.

That so much of the communication as relates to sundry resolutions from the states of Massachusetts, Ohio, Rhode-Island, Vermont, Virginia and Tennessee, be referred to a committee of seven, consisting of Messrs. Lecompte, Harrison, Whittington, F. M. Hall, Hager, Scott and Houston.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the claims of the state against individuals, and the expediency of appointing an officer for the purpose of collecting or otherwise securing the same, be referred to a committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Hambleton, Dennis, Schnebly, Lanham, and Hands.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the revision and amendment of the militia laws, be referred to a committee of seven, consisting of Messrs. Causin, Williams, Dennis, Ringgold, Blakistone, W. Stewart, and Posey; and that the said committees have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 13, 1816.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We sent you a message on Tuesday proposing to supply the vacancy in our representation in the senate of the United States, produced by the resignation of Mr. Harper, to which no answer has been made by your honourable body. We therefore respectfully urge the propriety of proceeding to this election to-day at one o'clock, as congress is now in session, and the interests of Maryland might probably be better secured, or more highly promoted, by a full representation in that body. Mr. Alexander C. Hanson, and Mr. William H. Winder, are put in nomination by this house. Messrs. Stoddert and Duvall are appointed by this house to join with the gentlemen named on your part in the examination of the ballots.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the question was put, That the house reconsider the leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to empower justices of the peace to compel retailers of spirituous liquors without permits or license during the recess of the courts of justice to enter into recognizance for their appearance at the next county court? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the question was then put, That the committee appointed on the said leave be discharged? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John Shick of Washington county; the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Alexander Moore of Cecil county; the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Moore of Cecil county; the bill, entitled, An act to provide for repairing the gaol in Baltimore county; the bill, entitled, An act to change the place of holding the elections in the third election district in Caroline county; and the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Wyatt of Caroline county; severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Maryland, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the square in the town of Boonsborough, in Washington county, to Swearingen's Ferry on the Potomac river, endorsed, "will not pass." And the resolution authorising the loan of rifles, endorsed, "assented to."

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, An act relating to the collection of the public taxes in Baltimore county; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Potts delivers a petition from Daniel Rowzer, of Frederick county, praying that he may be authorized, as executor of Peter Shover, to make good and sufficient deed or deeds of conveyance for the real estate already sold or to be sold under the will of the said Shover; which was read and referred to Messrs. Potts, Davis and Howard.

Mr. Bradford delivers a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the title of James Alexander and John Alexander of Harford county, to certain lands therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Harrison delivers a petition from Robert Gardiner, of Queen-Anne's county, praying that a law may pass authorising Susan Bright and James Bright, executors of Francis Bright, to execute to him a deed of conveyance for a tract or parcel of land called Barnstable Hill; which was read and referred to Messrs. Harrison, Meconnikin and Stevens.

The bill, entitled, An act to release the right of the state to a part of a tract of land therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Hambleton, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act concerning field officers of the militia of the state of Maryland. Ordered, That Messrs. Causin, Williams, Dennis, Ringgold, Blakistone, W. Stewart and Posey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Causin, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change some part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the mode of appointing auditors to the state. Ordered, That Messrs. Causin, Stoddert, Blakistone, Long and Bowles, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the town of Westminster in Frederick county, through Harman's Gap, to Hager's-town in Washington county, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Roberts, Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal so much of the act, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned as relates to Queen-Anne's county.